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SUBJ: DIALOGUE WITH EC PRESIDENCY--JANUARY 19-20 POLITICAL

DIRECTORS MEETING IN LUXEMBOURG--NAMIBIA

REF: STATE 011908

1. ON INSTRUCTIONS FROM PIERRE WURTH, WHO IS CHAIRING SUBJECT MEETING, MFA OFFICIAL ALEX JULIAN GAVE ME POLITICAL DIRECTORS POSITION ON NAMIBIA. JULIAN SAID POLITICAL DIRECTORS WOULD LIKE TO KNOW URGENTLY IF SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE ON NAMIBIA IS SCHEDULED FOR JANUARY 26 AS STATED REFTTEL, OR EARLIER.

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FRG POLITICAL DIRECTOR IS UNDER THE IMPRESSION DEBATE WILL BEGIN

TODAY OR TOMORROW. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE CONFIRM DATE BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. POLITICAL DIRECTORS AGREED THAT NINE SHOULD MAKE A DEMARCHE TO GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH AFRICA IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS ON NAMIBIA AND ADOPT A COMMON EC POSITION FOR THE SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. IN DEMARCHE THEY WILL URGE SOUTH AFRICA TO ABANDON ITS ILLEGAL OCCUPATION OF NAMIBIA AS SOON AS POSSIBLE; TO PERMIT ALL INHABITANTS OF NAMIBIA TO EXERCISE THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND INDEPENDENCE; TO PERMIT THE NAMIBIANS TO FREELY EXPRESS THEIR VIEWS ON THE POLITICAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL FUTURE OF THE TERRITORY, AND TO DECIDE THEIR FUTURE THROUGH THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS OF UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE UNDER UN SUPERVISION; TO PERMIT ALL POLITICAL GROUPS TO PARTICIPATE IN PEACEFUL POLITICAL ACTIVITIES; TO RELEASE POLITICAL PRISONERS AND TO PERMIT POLITICAL EXILES TO RETURN. DEMARCHE WILL ALSO UNDERSCORE NINE'S DISSATISFACTION WITH WINDHOEK CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE BECAUSE REPRESENTATION WAS BASED ON ETHNIC GROUPS RATHER THAN POLITICAL FORCES WITHIN THE TERRITORY.

3. SOUTH AFRICA WILL ALSO BE INFORMED THAT EC INTENDS TO TAKE COMMON POSITION AT UN SECURITY COUNCIL DEBATE. FRENCH, BRITISH OR ITALIAN DELEGATE WILL SPEAK FOR THE NINE AT UN.

4. POLITICAL DIRECTORS DID NOT DECIDE ON A COMMON POSITION ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, BUT NOTED U.S. VIEWS ON THIS ISSUE PER REFTEL.

5. JULIAN SAID SOME OF THE EXACT WORDING IS STILL UNDER DEBATE AND ASKS THAT USG REGARD ABOVE INFORMATION AS PRIVILEGED UNTIL NINE HAS MADE ITS DEMARCHE.

6. COMMENT: JULIAN SAID POSSIBILITY OF UN RESOLUTION CALLING FOR ECONOMIC SANCTIONS OR ARMS EMBARGO AGAINST SOUTH AFRICA NOT DEBATED IN ANY DEPTH BUT THAT HIS IMPRESSION IS THAT STRONG MAJORITY OF
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NINE WOULD OPPOSE BOTH SANCTIONS AND EMBARGO. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT AT THIS POINT ALL NINE HAVE AGREED UPON ITS COMMON POSITION AT UN ON POLITICAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM ALONG LINES STATED ABOVE. HE SAID NONE WOULD WAIT TO SEE TEXT OF RESOLUTION BEFORE TRYING TO DECIDE WHETHER THEY COULD REACH A COMMON POSITION ON ALL ITS ASPECTS. HE SAID, IN FACT, THERE ARE DIVISIONS AMONG THE NINE ON HOW BEST TO APPLY

PRESSURE ON SOUTH AFRICA, AND IT MAY BE IMPOSSIBLE TO
DEVELOP A CONSENSUS AND, THEREFORE, A COMMON POSITION
ON ECONOMIC SANCTIONS. PHILLIPS

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